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Our mathematics does not teach any such principles and should we find among our mathematical collections a book teaching any such doctrine we would consign the same to the flames. One of the very best things that can be claimed for the study of mathematics is that it develops strong tendencies to honesty and justice.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The Cosmopolitan: An Illustrated Monthly Magazine. Edited by John Brisben Walker and Arthur Sherburne Hardy. Price, \$1.50 per year. Single Number 15 cents.

Perhaps the most beautiful series of pictures ever presented of the Rocky mountains will be found in a collection of fourteen original paintings, executed by Thomas Moran for the May *Cosmopolitan*. To those who have been in the Rockies, this issue of *The Cosmopolitan* will be a souvenir worthy of preservation. This number contains fifty-two original drawings, by Thomas Moran, Oliver Herford, Dan Beard, H. M. Eaton, F. G. Attwood, F. O. Small, F. Lix, J. H. Dolph, and Rosina Emmett Sherwood, besides six reproductions of famous recent works of art, and forty other interesting illustrations—ninety-eight in all. Though the *Cosmopolitan* sells for but fifteen cents, probably no magazine in the world will present for May so great a number of illustrations specially designed for its pages by famous illustrators. The fiction in this number is by F. Hopkinson Smith, Gustav Kobbe, W. Clark Russell, Edgar W. Nye, and T. C. Crawford.

The Ascent of Man. By Henry Drummond, LL.D., F.R.S.E., F.G.S. Fourth Edition. 8vo cloth. 346 pp. Price, \$2.00. New York: James Potts & Co., Publishers.

This, to my mind, is the crowning glory of Dr. Drummond's writings. Treating as he does one of the profoundest questions in the history of man, he has told the story of man's Ascent as seen in the light of modern science, in a way that can not fail to impress deeply the most unscientific mind. And though the Author, in his preface, modestly says that the theme is Ascent not Decent, and that the book is a Story not an Argument, yet the Story is so full of sound statements that it has all the force of argument. The book is one we trust will fall into the hands of every lover of scientific research. It is truly scientific and bears no marks of skepticism. B.F.F.

The Basis: A Weekly Journal of Citizenship. Edited by Judge Albion W. Tourgee, Mayville, N. Y., and Published by the Citizens' Publishing Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Price, \$1.50 per year. 10 cts. per copy.

The first number of this Journal which has for its object the elevation of the people to higher citizenship and the dissemination of sound principles of government, appeared in April, 1895.

As its editor is one of the leading writers, and one of the ablest jurists in this country, and as the objects of the Journal are noble and unselfish, its success is written on every page. It deals with all questions relating to government and society. Its editor is a fearless and uncompromising advocate of common justice and equal rights. The Basis should be in every home in the land. B. F. F.